

Transatlantic Test

Towards and After the 2024 NATO Washington Summit

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CONCEPT

The **2024 Washington Summit** comes at a crucial time for NATO. Positive momentum has been generated by NATO's Strategic Concept and the Madrid and Vilnius Summits. Undoubtedly, NATO has taken a bold and decisive step towards its core tasks of **deterrence and collective defence**. However, in addition to celebrating 75 years of NATO, the Washington Summit will need to grapple with major challenges such as the adequate resourcing of the Regional Plans that were approved in Vilnius and the continuation of vital military and financial support for Ukraine in its defence against Russian military aggression. Furthermore, in addition to crises in the Middle East and China's rise in the Indo-Pacific, NATO Allies need to reflect on what more can be done to **effectively manage burden-sharing, develop capabilities and build-up the defence industry across the Alliance**.

With potential political turbulence that could emerge within the Alliance in the coming year, the Washington Summit is an ideal moment to ensure the future cohesion and strength of the Alliance. To inform the forthcoming Summit, on **26 April 2024** the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS) and the Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations are organising a public event in Brussels to reflect on the **Washington Summit and 75 years of NATO**. Looking ahead to the Washington Summit, the organisers seek to address the following sets of questions:

- 1) How has **burden-sharing** in the Alliance evolved since Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine? In the context of shifts in the United States' strategy, how can European Allies ensure that burden-sharing is put on a robust and long-term footing after the Washington Summit?
- 2) What are the **defence-industrial challenges** facing the Alliance today and how can they be resolved? How should defence industries across the transatlantic adapt to the return of high intensity warfare? What support can NATO offer Allies in this regard?

PROGRAMME

- 13:00 – 13:30 **REGISTRATION**
- 13:30 – 13:40 **WELCOME REMARKS**
Daniel Fiott
Professor, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB
Wannes Verstraete
Associate Fellow, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations and Researcher, VUB
- 13:40 – 14:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Javier Colomina
Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy, NATO
- 14:00 – 15:00 **PANEL I – GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT: BURDEN-SHARING IN THE ALLIANCE**
Moderator
Wannes Verstraete
Associate Fellow, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations and Researcher, VUB
Speakers
Lotje Boswinkel
Researcher, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB
Ruben Diaz-Plaja
Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Planning, NATO
Joel Linnainmaki
Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs
Jörg See
Deputy Assistant Secretary-General for Defence Policy and Planning, NATO
- 15:00 – 15:15 **BREAK**
- 15:15 – 16:15 **PANEL II – PRODUCTION POWER: THE ALLIANCE AND THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY**
Moderator
Daniel Fiott
Professor, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy - VUB
Speakers
Rudy Priem
Honorary Chair, AmCham EU's Security, Defence & Space Committee (SDC) and Honorary Chair, NATO Industrial Advisory Group (NIAG)
Vassilis Theodosopoulos
Manager Defence and Security, ASD Europe
Holger Ziegler
Section Head, Capability Delivery Section, NATO
- 16:15 – 16:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**
Ariadne Petridis
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Belgium to NATO
- 16:30 **END**